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1. The monthly salary for officers in the Bulgarian Army is as follows:

Second Lieutenant	-	12,000 leva
First Lieutenant	-	13,500 leva
Captain	-	15,500 leva
Regimental Commander	-	20,000 leva
Divisional Commander	-	25,000 leva.

2. In addition to this pay each officer receives a so-called ration allowance which is given to him in food produce. This food produce is mainly made up of items not found on the open market or which are exorbitantly expensive, such as lard, flour, rice, and cheese. Each officer also receives a family allowance of 300 leva per month for each child. Every six years an officer receives an automatic in-grade promotion which is called a class promotion. This promotion affects his pay only. Besides this each officer receives the following items of clothing: one uniform, one pair of shoes, and one pair of boots annually. Every two years each officer receives a greatcoat. Officers and their families have special coupons for clothing and food which they can purchase through special commissaries which are not accessible to the ordinary citizenry.

3. Beginning 1 January 1951 the pay of army officers and militia officers was increased by 40 percent, and each officer was given an additional increase of 10 percent for each foreign language spoken.

4. Non-commissioned officers receive from 11,000 to 12,000 leva per month, and some of the perquisites of the officers, such as food and commissary privileges, in-grade promotions, and clothing. They likewise received a 40 percent increase in pay, beginning 1 January 1951.

5. Officers and non-commissioned officers who are ordered on temporary duty or to a camp for summer training receive special monetary compensation called camp and temporary duty money.

6. Soldiers, who have served more than one year, receive between 2,000 and 3,000 leva monthly.

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